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Cal Poly Kennedy Library Launches Digital Archive

SAN LUIS OBISPO - The Kennedy Library has launched the DigitalCommons@Cal Poly, an online initiative that provides a centralized place to preserve and provide unlimited access to the rich variety of intellectual and scholarly work produced at Cal Poly.

The DigitalCommons@Cal Poly contains research from a variety of disciplines, including agriculture, architecture, business, education, engineering, liberal arts, mathematics and science.

It also serves as the digital archive for campus-hosted events including the UC/CSU/CCC Sustainability Conference 2008 and campus journals, like Moebius (College of Liberal Arts) and Focus (Department of City and Regional Planning).

By collecting scholarship in one central online location, Cal Poly showcases faculty research to new audiences, including potential students, fellow faculty, funding agencies and other universities. Every item is assigned a unique, persistent URL so users can cite work freely without worry or inconvenience of broken links. Authors receive auto-generated monthly download statistics of their work, allowing them to quantify the use of their research.

DigitalCommons@Cal Poly is optimized for fast and accurate indexing by Google and other Internet search engines, allowing more people to find and download content.

For authors who don't have time to contribute digital copies of their research, the Kennedy Library is prepared to scan documents and create PDFs, contact publishers for copyright permissions, prepare data to enhance search and retrieval, and upload and create entries.

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